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Home Security

This month, I had the privilege of sitting down and talking with the Residential Security Manager for SHAPE International Housing (SIHO). She and her colleagues are the SIHO inspectors, who inspect each house that is rented by U.S. and International personnel on the economy. One of the responsibilities of their job is to make sure that each house is equipped with security features that are up to high standards.

According to the Residential Security Manager, when a landlord is interested in renting their house, they contact SHAPE International Housing. One of the inspectors will go out to the house and conduct, amongst other tasks, a security survey. For the house to be rented to U.S. and/or International personnel, the landlord has to install certain security measures. Such as:

- All windows, doors, and openings must be lockable from the inside of the premise.
- All doors must be solid and be able to resist and not flex under the pressure of a man pushing strongly against the door.
- All outside doors must be equipped with at least a three point locking system where the upper, middle, and lower bolt fully enter the box strike (15mm).
- Window frames must be in good condition and properly mounted.
- Air shafts should be secured with locks, plates, or steel bars. The steel bars should be spaced less than 15cm apart.
- Motion lights should be installed around the house on top of sensitive points such as windows and doors that are accessible from the ground floor.
- The vegetation should not be higher than 80cm if situated less than 2 meters from a window or door.
- One smoke detector per floor of living space must be installed.

Security Systems

According to the Residential Security Manager, out of the 631 current houses leased by U.S. active members, 311 have an alarm system. There are many rumors in the community about how to go about getting a security system for your rented residence.. Many people believe that getting a security system for their home is too much of a headache than what it is worth. They feel that their house will never get broken into. Many people feel that they do not



Force Protection Tip of the Month

Home security is a very important topic. By following a few steps below, you are taking an active role in preventing a crime from occurring.

- Secure all exterior doors.
- Place dead bolts on all exterior doors.
- Equip basement doors with locks to isolate that area from the house.
- Place interior locks on all windows.
- Bar basement windows.
- Use a locking device on windows even when they are open.
- Trim foliage that may conceal intruders.
- Lock and remove the keys from your car even while in the garage.
- Keep walkways and doorways well lit.
- Install motion activated lights on all other areas of the exterior.
- Post emergency numbers by the phone.
- Brace and double lock sliding glass doors.

For more information on how to keep your home safe, then please feel free to call the Chievres MP Station at DSN 361-5301 or CIV 068-27-5301.

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“Almost everything can be replaced, but not your well-being or your life”

want to invest their own money into a security system for a house that they are only renting.

The Residential Security Manager makes getting a security system (including the monthly fees and the yearly maintenances) for your rented house very easy. There is very minimal or no cost to the U.S. active duty service member to have a security system installed. A security system is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your

loved ones, and your treasured items from being burglarized. To find out how to go about getting a security system for your rented residence and to take advantage of the MIHA Security Program, stop by SHAPE International Housing and speak with the Residential Security Manager or give her a call at DSN 423-4248 or CIV 065-44-4248. She will be more than happy to answer any of your home security questions.

Most burglaries can be prevented! In almost half of the completed burglaries, the thieves simply walked into the house through an open door or window. Always lock your doors and windows, and be observant of things going on in your neighborhood. Here are some tips on keeping your home from being burglarized:

- Secure all exterior doors and windows.
- Ensure all outside areas are kept clean and neat.



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- Keep walkways and doorways well lit.
- Don't keep a spare key hidden outside the house. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor.
- Leave at least one light on in the house at all times.
- Be alert to people loitering in residential areas; if it is no one you recognize, call the Military Police.
- Post ALL emergency numbers by the phone.
- Many homes are burglarized while people are away from home on vacation, so take extra precautions while you are away. Such as:
 - Use the timers on your appliances to turn them on and off at various times.
 - Have a neighbor check your house periodically and do little
- Above all, stop by the MP station or the SNAP office and fill out an "Unattended Residence Sheet". This way the MPs know that you are away and they will pay extra attention to your house.

then please feel free to contact your SNAP coordinator, at DSN 361-6143 or CIV 068-27-6143.



If you have any questions or concerns about the security of your military housing or Government leased hous-

"Keep the keys for the windows and doors in a key box, instead of in the windows or doors."



Message from the Provost Marshal

I want to personally thank the Residential Security Manager for taking the time to sit down with our SNAP Coordinator to provide some much needed information to our community.

Home security is a very important subject. Many times we go about our daily lives not thinking about the importance of taking a few extra minutes to make sure that our homes are secure. Please take those few extra moments. Please take the time to follow

the Home Security tips that are laid out in this newsletter.

I encourage all service members, who live on the economy, to have their houses inspected by the SHAPE International Housing Residential Security team. I also encourage you to take advantage of the MIHA Security Program.

I encourage those service members, who live in Off-Post Military Housing, when you go on vacation, please take the time to stop by the

Chievres MP Station or the SNAP office to fill out an "Unattended Residence Sheet."

Remember to always be alert to your surroundings, if you see something that is out of place, please report it.

Again, thank you to the Residential Security Manager for taking the time to sit down with our SNAP coordinator to put some myths about home security systems to rest.





80th Area Support Group

Interested in Volunteering ???

Contact your SNAP Office:

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Making Neighborhoods Safer is a SNAP!

The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program is here to serve the 80th ASG SHAPE/CHIEVRES Community. And to better serve our soldiers and their families we have designed a new Newsletter that will be available monthly and will provide helpful safety tips, an informative message from the Force Protection Division of the Office of the Provost Marshal, along with a Special Message from the Provost Marshal.



SNAP Introduces Safety Automated Hotline 068-27-6300

Are you interested in helping your community to stay safe? Become the Provost Marshal Offices eyes and ears by reporting suspicious activity to the SNAP Safety Hotline. This hotline is a new initiative by SNAP that allows you to remain anonymous to our automated system.

A Safe Neighborhood Starts with Safe Soldiers, Safe Adults and Safe Kids! Help SNAP in our quest to combat

crime and terrorism in our communities. This hotline is only for non-emergency issues. If you have an emergency please contact the Chievres MP Emergency Line at 068-27-5114.



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